

**THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH):** (a) The ancient site at Balraigarh in Madhubani district, Bihar had already been excavated by the Archaeological Survey of India during season 1962-63 and by the Department of Archaeology, Government of Bihar during the seasons 1972-73, 1974-75 establishing the antiquity of the site from the 2nd century B.C. to Pala period.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Assistance for Bird Hospital**

**1107. SHRI RAJNATH SONAR SHASTRI:** Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give financial assistance for setting up of a bird hospital in Uttar Pradesh to protect the birds, especially the migratory ones;

(b) whether a large number of migratory birds are found injured near Hindon river; and

(c) if so, the action being taken to protect these birds?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH):** (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Central Government.

(b) and (c). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

#### **Deforestation in Nagaland**

**1108. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:**  
**SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:**

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT

AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large scale deforestation has taken place in Nagaland between 1982 and 1987 and the process is still going on; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH):** (a) State Government of Nagaland have informed that no large scale deforestation has taken place in Nagaland between 1982 to 1987.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

#### **Land Management Corporation**

**1109. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI:**  
**SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:**  
**SHRI BHOJOY KRISHNA HAN-  
DIQUE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Land Management Corporation with equity participation in a bid to raise resources for financing Eighth Plan Programme for expansion and modernisation of Railways;

(b) if so, the main features of the plan and the area of railway land to be made viable asset;

(c) the area of idle land in Karnataka to be made viable; and

(d) the total area of surplus railway land and the area out of it under unauthorised occupation?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN):** (a) No, Sir.